

FOI 3630

26<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**I am writing to make a request for all the information to which I am entitled under the The Freedom of Information Act 2002. Please may you provide me with the following:**

**Please state how many deceased were collected by Pure Cremations in the 2025 calendar year from your mortuary site(s)?**

**Response:**

A total of <5 collections were made from SHSCT mortuaries by Pure Cremations in the 2025 calendar year

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition, the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the exact figures from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018

**Does your hospital trust mortuary service have any rules on how quickly bodies must be collected by funeral directors?**

**Response:**

Yes, collection by Funeral Director should be made within one working week.

**If so, please state on how many occasions in the 2025 calendar year Pure Cremations exceeded this.**

**Response:**

No collections by Pure Cremations exceeded beyond a working week.

**What were the ten longest delays in these collections in the calendar year 2025?  
(in days)**

**Response:**

Collection between 3 days and 7 days

**Have you made any written complaints from your head of mortuary services to  
Pure Cremations?**

**Response:**

No

**If so, can you provide a copy of these complaints?**

**Response:**

N/A

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